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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 April 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7-25 and 27-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 7-20 and 27-40 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 21-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 is withdrawn in view of the amendment to the claims.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 21, 22, 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Izumi et al (Pub. No. US 2003/0112400).

Note Figs. 1 and 4 which identically disclose the claimed LCD device comprising a common electrode 12a and a plurality of data electrodes 12b on the lower substrate to generate an In-Plane switching mode electric field parallel to the lower and upper substrates; a liquid crystal layer having a helical alignment between the lower and upper substrates wherein the upper substrate 21 is formed of a transparent material, and the lower substrate 11 is formed of a material having a visible light absorbing function (i.e. opaque, paragraph 0046). See the remaining features in paragraphs 0034, 0037, and 0039-0049. It is noted that Izumi et al disclose that Fig. 4 is a modified pattern of the electrodes of the embodiment of Fig. 2 (paragraph 0051).

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Izumi et al in view of Harada et al (US 6,392,725).

The only difference between the LCD device of Izumi et al and that of the instant claims is the liquid crystal layer including a ferroelectric liquid crystal layer. Harada et al disclose that it was known to employ a ferroelectric (chiral smectic) liquid crystal layer for selective reflection phenomenon (Col. 5, lines 59-67). Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to a ferroelectric liquid crystal layer in the LCD device of Izumi et al for selective reflection phenomenon with fast response, as compared with chiral nematic (cholesteric) liquid crystal.

With respect to Applicant's remarks regarding claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 21, 22, 24 and 25, Izumi et al do disclose the combination of features recited by claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 21, 22, 24 and 25. The combination of Izumi et al and Harada et al do disclose the combination of features recited by claims 3 and 23. Thus, Applicant's arguments filed 4/12/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Claims 7-20 and 27-40 are allowed over the prior art of record for the same reasons as those disclosed on pages 15-17 of Applicant's Remarks filed 4/12/06.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Tai Duong at telephone number (571) 272-2291.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.



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